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OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee considered the question of operational activities for development (agenda item 9) at its 9th to 11th, 14th, 16th and 17th meetings, on 17, 18, 20, 23 and 24 July 1990. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on an evaluation of rural development activities of the United Nations system in three African least developed countries (A/45/76-E/1990/12) and comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the report (A/45/76/Add.1-E/1990/12/Add.1);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the operational activities of the United Nations system (A/45/273-E/1990/85 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on future administrative arrangements for the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities (A/45/281-E/1990/66 and Corr.1);

(d) Report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance (DP/1990/44);

(e) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on an evaluation of United Nations technical co-operation project evaluation systems (E/1989/41 and Add.1) and comments of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the report (E/1989/41/Add.2);

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(f) Note by the Secretariat transmitting a decision on the governance of the World Food Programme, adopted by the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes at its twenty-ninth session (E/1990/101);

(g) Note by the Secretariat containing the views of the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation on the concept of a document containing the integrated operational response of the United Nations system to national programme frameworks (E/1990/CRP.1);

(h) Report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/1990/L.28); 1/

(i) Extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1990, its special session and its thirty-seventh session (E/1990/L.29 and Corr.1); 2/

(j) Report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes (WFP/CFA:29/11). 3/

2. At its 9th to 11th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 9th meeting, on 17 July, it heard introductory statements by the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation, the Director of the Division of External Relations and Governing Council Secretariat of the United Nations Development Programme, and the representatives of the World Food Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the German Democratic Republic and China and the observer for Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

5. The representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations also made statements.

6. At the 10th meeting, on 18 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, France, the Netherlands, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Czechoslovakia, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Thailand and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the observer for Chile.

1/ For the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 8 (E/1990/28).

2/ For the full report, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).

3/ Transmitted to the Council as document E/1990/99.

7. Statements were also made by the representatives of the International Labour Organisation, the World Bank and the Department of Technical Co-operation for Development of the Secretariat.

8. At the 11th meeting, on 18 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, India, Bahrain, the United States of America, Jamaica, Mexico, Indonesia, Bulgaria, Italy, Brazil and Rwanda and the observers for Australia and Switzerland.

9. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made a statement.

10. At the same meeting, the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation made a concluding statement.

Refugees, displaced persons and returnees

11. At the 14th meeting, on 20 July, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of Austria, 4/ Canada, Denmark, 4/ Finland, France, the Federal Republic of Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, 4/ Sweden, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.16) entitled "Refugees, displaced persons and returnees".

12. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 28 below, draft resolution I).

Governance of the World Food Programme

13. At the 14th meeting, on 20 July, the representative of Sweden, on behalf of Australia, 4/ Canada, Denmark, 4/ Finland, Kenya, the Netherlands, Norway, 4/ Sweden, Thailand and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.17) entitled "Governance of the World Food Programme", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes 5/ and the note by the Secretariat containing a decision on governance of the World Food Programme, adopted by the Committee at its twenty-ninth session, in June 1990, and transmitted to the Council by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme at the request of the Committee (E/1990/101),

"1. Welcomes the decision of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to establish a sub-committee of the whole of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to review the governance of the World Food Programme and the relationships between the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme (E/1990/101, Annex);

4/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

5/ WFP/CFA:29/11; transmitted to the Council as document E/1990/99.

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"2. Requests the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to report to the Economic and Social Council as soon as possible, in any event not later than at the first regular session of 1991, on the results of the work of the sub-committee on governance of the World Food Programme."

14. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.17/Rev.1).

15. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following revisions to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) The words "and its characteristics as an entity of the United Nations system" were added at the end of the second preambular paragraph;

(b) The words "as well as to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations" were added at the end of operative paragraph 2.

16. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 28 below, draft resolution II).

Future administrative arrangements for the United Nations pledging conference for development activities

17. At the 14th meeting, on 20 July, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.18) entitled "Future administrative arrangements for the United Nations pledging conference for development activities".

18. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following revisions to operative paragraph 2 of the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) The words "and continue to be opened by the Secretary-General" were added at the end of subparagraph (a);

(b) The words "these pledges to be announced at the Conference in the President's opening statement" were added at the end of subparagraph (b);

(c) The words "or their representatives" were added at the end of subparagraph (d).

19. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 28 below, draft resolution III).

20. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland made a statement.

Agency support costs

21. At the 14th meeting, on 20 July, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.19) entitled "Agency support costs".

22. The Committee had before it a statement (E/1990/L.30) of the programme budget implications of decision 90/26 on agency support costs, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

23. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 28 below, draft resolution IV).

24. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Canada made a statement.

Operational activities for development

25. At the 16th meeting, on 23 July, the representative of Canada, on behalf of Canada, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.20) entitled "Operational activities for development".

26. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Secretary of the Committee read out the following revisions to the draft resolution, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) The words "and the fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, and decides to transmit them to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session for its consideration" were added at the end of operative paragraph 1;

(b) Operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 were deleted.

27. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised (see para. 28 below, draft resolution V).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

28. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Refugees, displaced persons and returnees

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling decision 90/22 of 22 June 1990 adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme at its thirty-seventh session, 6/

6/ E/1990/L.29 and Corr.1; for the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/137 of 15 December 1989, in which, inter alia, the Assembly invited the agencies of the United Nations system, as well as all relevant international organizations, both governmental and non-governmental, to establish as soon as possible specific mechanisms of co-operation to assure an agreed division of responsibilities and arrangements for the financing of operational activities relating to refugees, while preserving the mandate of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees,

Noting the substantial increase in the number of refugees, displaced persons and returnees and their impact on the development prospects of the often fragile economic infrastructures of the countries concerned,

Realizing the immense human suffering occasioned by the phenomenon of mass population movements resulting from conflict, natural and man-made disasters and war,

Recognizing that relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and development are part of the same continuum, and stressing that the impact of refugees and displaced persons on the development prospects of affected countries are frequently severe, multifaceted and require a system-wide approach in order to ensure that the full spectrum of their needs are covered and that serving those needs should complement the development efforts of the affected countries,

Recognizing the primacy of the mandate of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in providing international protection and assistance to refugees and in seeking durable solutions to their problems, and commending the efforts being made by the Office in that regard,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to initiate a United Nations system-wide review to assess the experience and capacity of various organizations in the co-ordination of assistance to all refugees, displaced persons and returnees, and the entire spectrum of their needs, in supporting the efforts of the affected countries;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General, on the basis of the system-wide review, to recommend ways, within existing resources, to maximize co-operation and co-ordination among the various organizations of the United Nations system in order to ensure an effective response by the United Nations system to the problems of refugees, displaced persons and returnees, keeping in mind the mandates of the respective United Nations organizations;

3. Further requests the Secretary-General to report on the results of the system-wide review and on the recommendations emanating therefrom to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1991.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Governance of the World Food Programme

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes 7/ and the note by the Secretariat containing a decision on governance of the World Food Programme, adopted by the Committee at its twenty-ninth session, in June 1990, and transmitted to the Council by the Executive Director of the World Food Programme at the request of the Committee, 8/

Recognizing the need for improved governance arrangements for the World Food Programme consistent with its programme requirements, its accountability to member States, and its characteristics as an entity of the United Nations system,

1. Welcomes the decision of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to establish a sub-committee of the whole of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to review the governance of the World Food Programme and the relationships between the United Nations, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Food Programme; 9/

2. Requests the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes to report to the Economic and Social Council in 1991, on its consideration of the important review carried out by the Sub-Committee, as well as to the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Future administrative arrangements for the United Nations pledging conference for development activities

The Economic and Social Council,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on future administrative arrangements for the Conference, 10/

1. Recommends to the General Assembly that the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities should remain the principal forum for Member States and others to pledge their contributions to United Nations operational activities for development, that it continue to be convened early in November and that its basic format remain unchanged;

7/ WFP/CFA:29/11; transmitted to the Council as document E/1990/99.

8/ E/1990/101.

9/ E/1990/101, annex.

10/ A/45/281-E/1990/66 and Corr.1.

2. Recommends further, if possible commencing in 1990:

(a) That the Conference be limited to one day and continue to be opened by the Secretary-General;

(b) That greater use be made of written pledges, delegations being given an opportunity to make pledges in writing before the Conference takes place, these pledges to be announced at the Conference in the President's opening statement;

(c) That, as a general rule, statements by participants in the Conference be limited to five minutes each;

(d) That a speakers' list be established for Member States and others wishing to pledge, the only other statements to be an opening and closing statement by the President of the Conference, should he or she wish, and short closing statements by executive heads of United Nations programmes and funds or their representatives;

(e) That the adoption and signing of the Final Act of the Conference be replaced by the adoption of a report of the Conference.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

Agency support costs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling the provisions related to successor arrangements for agency support costs contained in General Assembly resolutions 42/196 of 11 December 1987, 43/199 of 20 December 1988 and 44/211 of 22 December 1989,

Noting the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1990, its special session and its thirty-seventh session, 11/

Welcoming the constructive statements on this matter made by organizations of the United Nations system before the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee at its 9th to 11th meetings, on 17 and 18 July 1990;

Endorses decision 1990/26 concerning successor arrangements for agency support costs, adopted by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on 22 June 1990.

11/ E/1990/L.29 and Corr.1; for the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).

DRAFT RESOLUTION V

Operational activities for development

The Economic and Social Council,

1. Takes note of the note by the Secretary-General on the operational activities of the United Nations system, 12/ the report of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund, 13/ the extract from the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme on its organizational meeting for 1990, its special session and its thirty-seventh session, 14/ the report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund on the implications for population programmes of the Amsterdam Declaration and on efforts to develop further the analysis of resource requirements for international population assistance 15/ and the fifteenth annual report of the Committee on Food Aid Policies and Programmes, 16/ and decides to transmit them to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session for its consideration;

2. Requests the Director-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session a precise and comprehensive schedule for the implementation of all the provisions of Assembly resolution 44/211 of 22 December 1989 that require action by the United Nations system, concentrating on those activities that in his view require priority attention.

12/ A/45/273-E/1990/85 and Corr.1 and Add.1-3.

13/ E/1990/L.28; for the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 8 (E/1990/28).

14/ E/1990/L.29 and Corr.1; for the final text, see Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1990, Supplement No. 9 (E/1990/29).

15/ DP/1990/44.

16/ WFP/CFA:29/11; transmitted to the Council as document E/1990/99.

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CO-ORDINATION QUESTIONS

Report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee considered co-ordination questions (agenda item 10) at its 5th to 7th and 13th to 17th meetings, on 13, 16, 19, 20, 23 and 24 July 1990. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its thirtieth session (A/45/16 (Part I) and Add.1); 1/

(b) Note by the Secretary-General on the global strategy for the prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) (A/45/256-E/1990/58);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997) (A/45/277-E/1990/77);

(d) Report of the Chairmen of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on the twenty-fourth series of Joint Meetings of the two Committees (E/1990/4);

1/ For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16).

(e) Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination for 1989 (E/1990/18 and Add.1);

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control (E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2);

(g) Report of the Secretary-General on consumer protection (E/1990/76 and Add.1);

(h) Report of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on expenditures of the United Nations system in relation to programmes (E/1990/79).

2. At its 5th to 7th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At its 5th meeting, on 13 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs, the Under-Secretary-General, Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna and the Assistant Secretary-General for Development and International Economic Co-operation. An introductory statement was also made by the Director of the Global Programme on AIDS of the World Health Organization.

4. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic and the United States of America and the observer for Austria.

5. At the 6th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and New Zealand and by the observers for Denmark (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and Australia. The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization also made a statement.

6. At the 7th meeting, on 16 July, statements were made by the representatives of Czechoslovakia, Mexico, Yugoslavia, Cuba, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Canada and the observer for Uganda. Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Development Programme.

Consumer protection

7. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the observer for Australia, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Chile, 2/ Colombia, Cuba, Indonesia, Japan, Lesotho, New Zealand, Norway, 2/ Pakistan, Sweden, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Viet Nam, 2/ introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.10) entitled "Consumer protection".

8. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee had before it a revised text of the draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.10/Rev.1). The representative of the Netherlands joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

9. At the same meeting, the Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that, during the informal consultations held on the revised draft resolution, it had been agreed to revise operative paragraph 4 by inserting the words "and other interested countries" after the words "in particular to those of developing countries" and by replacing the words "inter alia, through the use of available extrabudgetary resources" by the words "subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources".

10. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally revised (see para. 27 below, draft resolution I).

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

11. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the representative of Sweden, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Austria, 2/ Belgium, 2/ Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Denmark, 2/ Finland, France, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, 2/ Portugal, Rwanda, Spain, 2/ Sweden, Thailand, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America and Zambia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.11) entitled "Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)". Subsequently, Kenya joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

12. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, the Committee adopted the draft resolution (see para. 27 below, draft resolution II).

United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

13. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the observer for Austria, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Austria, 2/ Bahamas, Belgium, 2/ Bolivia, 2/ Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, 2/ Egypt, 2/ France, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, 2/ Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, 2/ Pakistan, Peru, 2/ Portugal, Spain, 2/ Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.12) entitled "United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control" and a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.13) entitled "Follow-up of the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs"; he orally revised the two draft resolutions by combining them.

14. At its 14th meeting, on 20 July, the observer for Austria, on behalf of Australia, 2/ Austria, 2/ Bahamas, Belgium, 2/ Bolivia, 2/ Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Denmark, 2/ Egypt, 2/ France, the German Democratic Republic, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, 2/ Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, 2/ Pakistan,

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2/ In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

Peru, 2/ Portugal, Spain, 2/ Sweden, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela and Yugoslavia, introduced a revised draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.12/Rev.1) entitled "United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control" and orally revised it as follows:

(a) The last preambular paragraph of part A of the revised draft resolution, which read:

> "Recalling that the Secretary-General has appointed a group of experts to advise and assist him in order to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, as requested in General Assembly resolution 44/141, and that the United Nations System-wide Action Plan may need to be updated in the light of the recommendations of that group",

was replaced by the following text:

> "Recalling that the Secretary-General has appointed a group of experts to advise and assist him in order to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, as requested in General Assembly resolution 44/141, and thus the United Nations System-wide Action Plan may need to be updated in the light of further relevant decisions that may be made by the General Assembly";

(b) In part B of the draft resolution, the following new preambular paragraph was inserted after the first preambular paragraph:

> "Having noted that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at the first part of its thirtieth session, recommended, inter alia, that the resolution adopted recently by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session be fully reflected in the proposed medium-term plan".

15. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, the Committee adopted part A of the revised draft resolution (see para. 27 below, draft resolution III).

16. At the same meeting, on the proposal of the observer for Austria, the Committee decided to consider part B of the revised draft resolution, as further revised orally, under agenda item 11 (Programme questions) (see E/1990/117, paras. 12 and 13).

17. After part A of the revised draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Cuba made a statement; the Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

World Decade for Cultural Development

18. At the 14th meeting, on 20 July, the observer for Bolivia, 2/ on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.15) entitled "World Decade for Cultural Development".

19. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that, during the informal consultations held on the draft resolution, it had been agreed to revise operative paragraph 2, by replacing the words "to envisage an intergovernmental conference in 1993 for the purpose of" by the words "to continue their inquiry in the appropriate means for".

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as revised (see para. 27 below, draft resolution IV).

Co-ordination questions

21. At the 16th meeting, on 23 July, the observer for Uganda 2/ introduced a draft decision (E/1990/C.3/L.22) entitled "Co-ordination questions".

22. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Secretary of the Committee informed the Committee that, during the informal consultations held on the draft decision, it had been agreed that the words "The Economic and Social Council requests" should be replaced by the words "The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session that it request".

23. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representative of the United States of America and the observer for Uganda. The Secretary of the Committee also made a statement.

24. The Committee then adopted the draft decision, as revised (see para. 28 below, draft decision I).

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

25. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, on the proposal of the Chairman, and following statements by the representatives of Colombia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Italy, Zambia and Mexico and the observers for Uganda and Mauritania, as well as by the Secretary of the Committee, the Committee decided to recommend to the Economic and Social Council that it take note of the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination (A/45/16 (Part I), chap. IV) and endorse the conclusions and recommendations contained therein (see para. 28 below, draft decision II).

26. After the draft decision was adopted, statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and Colombia and the observer for Mauritania.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

27. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Consumer protection

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 39/248 of 9 April 1985, in which the Assembly adopted guidelines for consumer protection,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1988/61 of 27 July 1988, in which Governments were urged to implement the guidelines for consumer protection and the Secretary-General was requested to provide assistance to Governments in that regard,

Noting with satisfaction the recommendations of the United Nations Regional Seminar on Consumer Protection for Asia and the Pacific, held at the headquarters of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific from 19 to 22 June 1990, 3/

Aware that the need for assistance in the area of consumer protection, particularly in developing countries, still remains great,

Recognizing the role of non-governmental organizations in promoting the implementation of the guidelines and the growing awareness by the private sector of the benefits of consumer policies,

Noting the efforts currently being undertaken within the United Nations system in promoting the implementation of the guidelines on consumer protection,

1. Commends the Secretary-General for his report on consumer protection, prepared pursuant to Council resolution 1988/61; 4/

2. Urges all Governments to continue their efforts to implement the guidelines for consumer protection and establish appropriate means to co-ordinate policies and programmes for consumer protection;

3. Encourages Governments to collaborate, as appropriate, in joint efforts for the protection of consumers, including the development of product safety standards and testing procedures and in the exchange of information and advisory services;

4. Requests the Secretary-General, in co-operation with the development funds and programmes of the United Nations, the regional commissions and other relevant bodies and agencies of the United Nations system, to continue to provide assistance to Governments, in particular to those of developing countries and other interested countries, in implementing the guidelines on consumer protection, and to develop a programme of action for the next five years on the implementation of the guidelines; such a programme, to be reviewed on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the guidelines, should be implemented subject to the availability of extrabudgetary resources and should involve specific activities such as the convening of regional seminars and follow-up activities, a survey of consumer protection measures undertaken within the framework of the guidelines for consumer protection, the provision of advisory services to Governments, in particular to those of developing countries, at their request, and the elaboration of specific guidelines in areas of emerging concern;

3/ E/1990/76/Add.1, annex.

4/ E/1990/76.

5. Also requests the Secretary-General to report to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1992 on the implementation of the present resolution.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Prevention and control of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS)

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling its resolution 1989/108 of 27 July 1989, General Assembly resolution 44/233 of 22 December 1989, relevant resolutions of the World Health Assembly as well as relevant resolutions of other organizations of the United Nations system, the London Declaration on AIDS Prevention 5/ and the deliberations of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, held at San Francisco, United States of America, in June 1990,

Recalling further the Paris Declaration on Women, Children and the Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) and World Health Assembly resolution WHA 43.10 of 16 May 1990 on women, children and AIDS,

Acknowledging the established leadership of the World Health Organization in directing and co-ordinating AIDS prevention, control, education and research,

Noting with appreciation the efforts of other organizations of the United Nations system, as well as Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the public and private sectors, in combating the spread of AIDS,

Stressing the need to take full advantage of the World Health Organization/United Nations Development Programme Alliance to Combat AIDS and to strengthen its role in facilitating the implementation at the country level of the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS,

Aware that AIDS can have serious social and economic consequences, particularly in countries with a high incidence of infection from the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and limited public health services and other developmental resources,

Reaffirming that the struggle against AIDS should be consistent with and divert neither attention nor resources from other national public health priorities and development goals and should not divert international efforts and resources needed for overall health priorities,

Aware that about one of every four hundred adults in the world today is infected with the human immunodeficiency virus, of which three million are females, and that as heterosexual transmission of HIV infection increases, the percentage of women infected will rise to equal that of men,

Considering the extensive health, economic and psychological implications of HIV infection and AIDS for women, children and families,

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5/ A/43/341-E/1988/80, annex, appendix I.

Emphasizing that the prevention and control of HIV infection and AIDS for women and children call for the strengthening and improvement of the primary health care system and for educational and other psychological, social and economic support programmes for women, children and families,

Recalling the resolutions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the World Health Assembly concerning the need to respect the human rights and dignity of all people, including those affected by the human immunodeficiency virus, their families and those with whom they live,

1. Taking note of the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization on the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS; 6/

2. Requests the Secretary-General, in view of the adverse impact of HIV infection and AIDS on the health and economic and social well-being of women, children and families, to intensify his efforts, in close collaboration with the Director-General of the World Health Organization and all other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund and the United Nations Population Fund, to mobilize technical and other relevant resources to deal with this aspect of the problem;

3. Calls upon organizations of the United Nations system, Governments and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to co-ordinate their efforts with the World Health Organization in implementing the global strategy for the prevention and control of AIDS;

4. Invites the General Assembly to consider the report of the Director-General of the World Health Organization and the response of the United Nations system to the AIDS pandemic and to take an appropriate decision on further action, taking the present resolution into account.

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/141 of 15 December 1989, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in his capacity as Chairman of the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination, to co-ordinate at the inter-agency level, the development of a United Nations system-wide action plan on drug abuse control aimed at the full implementation of all existing mandates and subsequent decisions of intergovernmental bodies throughout the United Nations system,

Noting that the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination has presented the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control to all Member States,

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6/ A/45/256-E/1990/58, annex.

Noting also that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination considered the United Nations System-wide Action Plan at the first part of its thirtieth session, held from 7 May to 11 June 1990, 7/

Recognizing the commendable efforts of the Secretary-General in the development of the United Nations System-wide Action Plan as an instrument to facilitate co-ordination, complementarity and non-duplication in drug control activities within the United Nations system and recognizing also that further efforts are needed to improve the methodology used for its preparation and updating,

Recognizing further that the United Nations System-wide Action Plan should adequately reflect the balance achieved in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, 8/

Recalling that the Secretary-General has appointed a group of experts to advise and assist him in order to enhance the efficiency of the United Nations structure for drug abuse control, as requested in General Assembly resolution 44/141, and thus the United Nations System-wide Action Plan may need to be updated in the light of further relevant decisions that may be made by the General Assembly,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control; 9/

2. Endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination with regard to the United Nations System-wide Action Plan on Drug Abuse Control; 7/

3. Stresses the need to revise the United Nations System-wide Action Plan in time for the forty-fifth session of the General Assembly in order to fully incorporate all the mandates and activities contained in the Global Programme of Action and to comply with the guidelines set out by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/141.

DRAFT RESOLUTION IV

World Decade for Cultural Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/238 of 22 December 1989, in which the Assembly expressed its support for the conduct of an evaluation at the mid-point of the World Decade for Cultural Development in 1993, under the auspices of the United Nations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization,

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7/ A/45/16 (Part I), chap. IV, sect. D; for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16.

8/ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex.

9/ E/1990/39 and Corr.1 and 2.

Taking into account Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/107 of 27 July 1989,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development (1988-1997); 10/

2. Invites the Secretary-General and the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization to continue their inquiry into the appropriate means for undertaking a mid-term review of the World Decade for Cultural Development.

28. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Co-ordination questions

The Economic and Social Council recommends to the General Assembly, at its forty-fifth session, that it request the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to prepare draft guidelines governing the preparation and revision of system-wide action plans and system-wide medium-term plans and the relationships between the medium-term plan of the United Nations and those two instruments.

DRAFT DECISION II

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination

The Economic and Social Council takes note of the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, 11/ and endorses the conclusions and recommendations contained therein.

10/ A/45/277-E/1990/77.

11/ A/45/16 (Part I), chap. IV.

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PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Report of the Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee

1. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee considered programme questions (agenda item 11) at its 6th to 8th, 13th, 15th and 17th meetings, on 16, 17, 19, 20 and 24 July 1990. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Relevant sections of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 (A/45/6); 1/

(b) Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its thirtieth session (A/45/16 (Part I) and Add.1). 2/

2. At its 6th to 8th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item.

3. At the 6th meeting, on 16 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and by the Controller and Assistant Secretary-General for Programme Planning, Budget and Finance.

1/ For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/45/6/Rev.1).

2/ For the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16 (A/45/16).

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4. At the same meeting, statements were also made by the representatives of Italy (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, China and Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries).

5. At the 7th meeting, on 16 July, the representative of Thailand made a statement.

6. At the 8th meeting, on 17 July, the representative of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics made a statement.

Programme questions

7. At the 13th meeting, on 19 July, the Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.14) entitled "Programme questions", which read as follows:

"The Economic and Social Council,

"Having considered the introduction to the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and the relevant programmes of the plan, 3/

"Having considered the relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its thirtieth session, 4/

"Noting with concern the delay in the issuance of documentation for the medium-term plan to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the difficulties that created for the Committee in its discussions,

"Recognizing the importance of further consideration of the medium-term plan by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session,

"1. Takes note of the introduction to the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and the views expressed by delegations thereon;

"2. Takes note of the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

"3. Expresses its appreciation for the work done by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination during the first part of its thirtieth session;

"4. Takes note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its thirtieth session, and endorses the relevant conclusions and recommendations contained therein;

3/ A/45/6; for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6.

4/ A/45/16 (Part I); for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16.

"5. Authorizes the Committee, subject to established procedures, to resume its thirtieth session from 17 to 26 September 1990 in order to consider the items set out in the provisional agenda for its resumed session;

"6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure timely submission of the necessary documentation so as to enable the Committee to complete its work."

8. At the same meeting, the representative of Brazil made a statement.

9. At the 17th meeting, on 24 July, the Committee had before it a revised draft resolution (E/1990/C.3/L.14/Rev.1).

10. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the revised draft resolution (see para. 14 below, draft resolution I).

11. After the draft resolution was adopted, the representative of Brazil made a statement.

Implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its special session devoted to the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs

12. At the 15th meeting, on 20 July, on the proposal of the observer for Austria, the Committee decided to consider part B of draft resolution E/1990/C.3/L.12/Rev.1 entitled "Implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its special session devoted to the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs".

13. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted part B of the draft resolution, which was subsequently circulated as document E/1990/C.3/L.21 (see para. 14 below, draft resolution II).

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE THIRD (PROGRAMME AND CO-ORDINATION) COMMITTEE

14. The Third (Programme and Co-ordination) Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Programme questions

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the introduction to the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and the relevant programmes of the plan, 5/

5/ A/45/6; for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 6.

Having considered the relevant sections of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its thirtieth session, 6/

Noting with concern the delay in the issuance of documenation for the medium-term plan to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the difficulties that created for the Committee in its discussions,

Recognizing the importance of further consideration of the medium-term plan by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the work done by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination during the first part of its thirtieth session;

2. Takes note of the introduction to the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 and the views expressed by delegations thereon;

3. Takes note of the relevant programmes of the proposed medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997;

4. Takes note of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the first part of its thirtieth session, and endorses the relevant conclusions and recommendations contained therein on the understanding that further consideration of the proposed medium-term plan would be undertaken by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session;

5. Requests the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination to make every possible effort to complete its consideration of the items set out in the provisional agenda for its resumed thirtieth session within the approved time-frame of 17 to 21 September 1990, and authorizes the Committee, on an exceptional contingency basis and subject to established procedures, to extend its resumed session to 26 September, should that prove necessary;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure the timely submission of the necessary documentation so as to enable the Committee to complete its work.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Implementation of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its special session devoted to the question of international co-operation against illicit production, supply, demand, trafficking and distribution of narcotic drugs

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 44/141 of 15 December 1989 and Assembly decision 44/410 of 14 November 1989,

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6/ A/45/16 (Part I); for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16.

Having noted that the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, at the first part of its thirtieth session, recommended that, inter alia, the resolution adopted recently by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session be fully reflected in the proposed medium-term plan, 7/

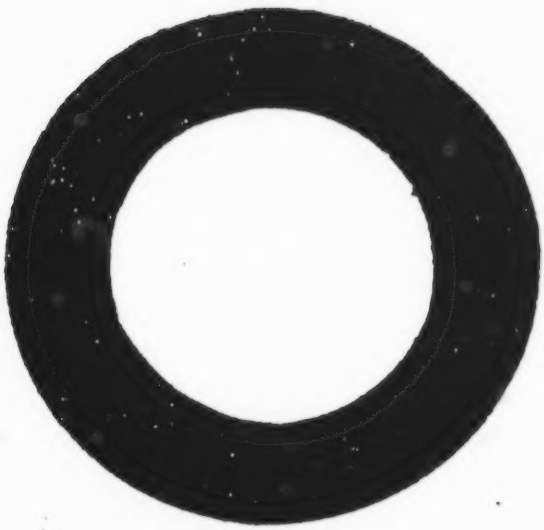
Reaffirming the fundamental importance of the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session, 8/

1. Strongly affirms the need for the full implementation of all the mandates and activities included in the Global Programme of Action adopted by the General Assembly at its seventeenth special session and for the effective follow-up of the Global Programme of Action;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to submit the statement of programme budget implications with respect to all mandates and activities included in the Global Programme of Action in a timely manner to the relevant committees of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, in accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, in order to provide Member States with a detailed and precise specification of the mandates and activities of the United Nations drug control units and the extent and nature of the resources required to fully implement their responsibilities.

7/ A/45/16 (Part I), para. 39; for the final text, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 16.

8/ General Assembly resolution S-17/2, annex.



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CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Letter dated 3 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Albania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you the announcement on the decrees of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania on the further development of the economic and social life of the country, approved on 31 July 1990 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under items 12, 82, and 103 of the provisional agenda, and of the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990, under agenda items 6 and 7, and brought to the attention of the Commission on Human Rights as well as to the Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

(Signed) Bashkim PITARKA
Permanent Representative
of the People's Socialist
Republic of Albania to
the United Nations

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ANNEX

Decrees of the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania on the further development of the economic and social life of the country, approved at Tirana on 31 July 1990

The Presidium of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, convened under the Presidency of Comrade Ramiz Alia, approved, among others, two important decrees regarding the further broadening and materialization of the relations of the economic co-operation of Albania with foreign countries, by applying other and more advanced forms of co-operation and granting the necessary legal guarantees to the foreign partners in this co-operation.

In the decree on the protection of foreign investments in the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, it is said that, in the territory of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, foreign enterprises, firms or individuals or Albanians residing abroad can make investments or carry out related economic activities in accordance with the legislation regulating these activities.

Foreign investments in the territory of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, the decree says, are fully protected and secured. These investments are not expropriated or nationalized and will not be subject to any other measure similar to the expropriation or nationalization, except in specific cases for public purposes and always against payment for respective remuneration.

The Decree says that foreign enterprises, firms or individuals, whose investments suffer losses in the territory of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania because of war, state of emergency, as well as natural calamities, such as earthquakes and floods, will be treated in the same way as local enterprises concerning compensation, remuneration, etc. The People's Socialist Republic of Albania, it says further on, will make public all the laws, regulations and procedures regarding the investments.

In the Decree on the economic activities of the enterprises with the participation of the foreign capital in the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, it is pointed out that in Albania enterprises with participation of foreign capital can carry out their economic activity in various sectors of the economy, in accordance with the objectives defined in the plans of the current and prospective development of the country's economy.

The aim for setting these enterprises, the Decree says, is the modernization of the existing projects or the setting up of new projects with advanced technology which are involved in the extraction and processing of the country's raw materials, the increase of exports or the reduction of imports, the increase of the range of mass consumer goods, the creation of new workplaces, the introduction of modern methods of organization and management of production and public services, etc. The economic activity of the enterprise and the investments of the foreign persons in it are protected by the State, which guarantees them the same conditions as those of the Albanian juridical persons.

The Decree also says that the authorization for reaching a contract or its change is given by the Council of Ministers of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania, upon the request of the Albanian juridical person, through the Ministry covering the field in which the enterprise will extend its activity. In the field of banking activity the authorization is given by the Albanian State Bank.

The application for authorization, the Decree says, should comprise the name of the enterprise, the centre of the activity, data regarding the foreign persons, the aim of the activity of the enterprise, the subjects and forms of the enterprise, the complete study, which should also include the technical and the economic analysis of the activity of the enterprise. The authorization is given for a period of time up to 10 years and the application for the prolongation of the term is done a year before the validity of the authorization in force expires.

Further on the Decree says tht the enterprise is financed in leks and foreign currency and opens up its own account in hard currency at the Albanian State Bank. This account can also be opened at a foreign bank in agreement with the Albanian State Bank. The foreign person has the right to transfer abroad his share of the profit.

The Decree says that the enterprise has the right to receive credits in foreign currency from the Albanian State Bank. It may get such a credit even from a foreign bank, in agreement with the Albanian State Bank. The Decree also stresses that the enterprise is obliged to keep the books according to the regulations determined by the Albanian competent State organs. Upon the request of the competent organs of taxation, it will annually provide information on the book-keeping and economic activity exercised by it.

This meeting of the Presidium of the People's Assembly adopted also the Decree on meetings, gatherings and manifestations of the citizens in public places. This Decree is issued as an implementation of article 53 of the Constitution, which envisages the right of the citizens for meetings, gatherings and public manifestations.

The Decree also sets out that gatherings, meetings or manifestations where appeals to rebel against the constitutional order are launched, where calls are made for committing penal acts or violations to the law, where the violation of the relations with other countries is aimed at, are banned. The Decree emphasizes that the participants at these activities are not allowed to keep weapons as well as posters, emblems, symbols and other figurative objects with an anti-popular, fascist or racist content, which arouse national hatred. It also points out the regulations for the dispersal of the participants in such activities in public places, when they constitute an infringement to this Decree or the legislation in force.

The provisions of this Decree provide for the organization of the meetings, gatherings and manifestations in public places in compliance with the law.

The Decree predicts the possibility of conducting the above activities only after being preliminarily reported by their organizers to the competent State organ. This information should reveal the aim of the activity, the number of participants, the time and the place where it will be held, etc.

The Decree envisages also sanctions against the persons violating its regulations.

The above Decree will be published in the coming issue of the "Official Gazette".

Likewise, at the same meeting, the Presidium of the People's Assembly of the People's Socialist Republic of Albania decided to forward to the eighth session of the 11th legislature of the People's Assembly, the proposal for the creation of a special commission to look into the need for making changes to the existing Constitution, as well as to determine the way and timetable for the realization of corrections or complements needed to be made to it, in conformity with the developments that have occurred in our country from 1976, when the Constitution was adopted, until now.

Finally, the Presidium of the People's Assembly decided to create a special commission to prepare the law on the elections to the People's Assembly and to forward it for deliberation and approval to the eighth session of the 11th legislature of the People's Assembly, due to be convened at the beginning of October 1990.

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Letter dated 6 August 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Economic and Social Council

Your attention is drawn to annex I of the report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment (E/1990/38/Rev.1), which includes the nation of Antigua and Barbuda on the list of 92 countries where the death penalty is retained and used for ordinary crimes.

While it is true that Antigua and Barbuda retains the death penalty as punishment for those individuals who are tried and convicted of murder, the report creates the mistaken assumption that the death penalty is used for crimes other than murder. This is certainly not the case and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda kindly requests that this unintentional error in the report of the Secretary-General be corrected.

I also respectfully request that this note be distributed as an official document of the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1990.

(Signed) Lionel A. HURST
Permanent Representative

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NOTE BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL AND
ITS SUBSIDIARY AND RELATED BODIES

The President of the Economic and Social Council wishes to bring to the attention of the Council and its subsidiary and related bodies the notes verbale dated 28 September and 3 October 1990 from the Secretary-General to the Permanent Representatives of Member States (A/45/557 and A/45/567) concerning the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany with effect from 3 October 1990, and that, as from the date of unification, the Federal Republic of Germany will act in the United Nations under the designation "Germany".

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Note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Representative of the People's Democratic Republic of Ethiopia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and has the honour to request that the Economic and Social Council, during its 1991 sessions consider, under the appropriate agenda item, the enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to broadening the participation of countries most affected by refugee problem.

Ethiopia is concerned by the ever increasing number of refugees in the Horn of Africa. We believe that lasting solution should be found to the problem and make every effort towards this objective.

As you are aware, Ethiopia is playing host to over 800,000 refugees. Likewise, thousands of Ethiopian refugees are to be found in neighbouring countries.

The Government of Ethiopia, in co-operation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, is providing the necessary humanitarian assistance to these refugees. Needless to say, the influx of refugees and the need to cater to pressing humanitarian conditions resulting thereof has created considerable burden on Ethiopia's economy already hard hit by natural disasters as well as factors beyond its control.

Due to these reasons, Ethiopia follows with keen interest and has been participating for many years in the work of the Executive Committee as an observer. However, we believe it is important to be part of the membership to make active and constructive contribution to the Committee's activities. It is with this objective that we are writing this to you and hope that the Economic and Social Council will recommend the enlargement of the membership of the Executive

Committee to give Ethiopia the opportunity to be represented in this important committee and participate fully in efforts towards the resolution of the problem of refugees in the Horn of Africa.

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Note by the Secretariat

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its special session

By its decision 1990/264 of 26 July 1990, the Economic and Social Council decided to consider, inter alia, the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its special session at its resumed second regular session of 1990.

The General Assembly, in its resolution 44/229 on international co-operation in the field of the environment, took note, inter alia of Governing Council decision 15/4 of 25 May 1989 1/ and supported the decision of the Council to hold a special session in 1990 of three days' duration at the same location as, and in conjunction with, the first substantive session of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to deal with the elaboration of, and the process of making and implementing decisions on, priority environmental issues - in particular, ways and means of enhancing the role of the Programme within the United Nations system in addressing those issues.

The report of the Governing Council on its special session, held at Nairobi from 1 to 3 August 1990, is contained in document A/45/25.

Note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The attention of the Council is drawn to a note verbale dated 27 September 1990 from the Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General concerning a request to the Council to

consider in 1991 the enlargement of the membership of the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees with a view to broadening the participation of countries most affected by the refugee problem (E/1990/121).

Change of dates of the thirty-second session of the Commission for Social Development

For technical reasons, the approval of the Council is sought to change the dates of the thirty-second session of the Commission for Social Development, which will be held at Vienna, from 13-22 February 1991 to 11-20 February 1991.

Change of dates and venue of the Tenth Meeting of Experts on the United Nations Programme in Public Administration and Finance

Attention is drawn to a note by the Secretariat concerning a request to change the dates and venue of the Tenth Meeting of Experts (E/1990/L.56). A statement on the financial implications of the proposed change will be issued in document E/1990/L.57.

Item 10. Co-ordination questions

Report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on its resumed thirtieth session

In pursuance of Council decision 1990/264 of 26 July 1990, the Council will have before it the relevant section of the report of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination on the second part of its thirtieth session, held at Headquarters from 17 to 22 September 1990 (A/45/16 (Part II)).

Report of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination

In pursuance of its decision 1990/264, the Council will have before it the report of the Joint Meetings of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination and the Administrative Committee on Co-ordination on their twenty-fifth series of meetings held on 19 and 25-26 October 1990.

The topics recommended by the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination, and endorsed by the Council in resolution 1989/109, for consideration by the Joint Meetings in 1990, are: improvement of co-ordination in the United Nations system and natural disaster reduction.

The report of the Joint Meetings will be issued in document E/1990/123.

Item 16. Elections

The Council will be called upon to hold elections as follows:

(a) By its decision 1990/283, the Council decided to postpone elections to the following bodies:

(i) Commission on Human Settlements

From African States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991;

From Asian States: two members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991;

(ii) Committee on Natural Resources

From African States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991 and three members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992;

From Asian States: three members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, three members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992 and two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990;

From Western European and other States: five members for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, four members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992 and three members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990;

(iii) Commission on Transnational Corporations

From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1991;

From Western European and other States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1991;

(iv) Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

From African States: three members for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991 and two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990;

From Asian States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1991, and two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990;

From Latin American and Caribbean States: one member for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 1991 and two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1990.

(b) As a result of the accession of the German Democratic Republic to the Federal Republic of Germany, with effect from 3 October 1990, the Council is called upon to fill the following vacant seats from Eastern European States:

(i) Commission on Human Settlements

One member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991;

(ii) Committee on Natural Resources

One member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1994;

(iii) Commission on Transnational Corporations

One member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1992;

(iv) Commission on the Status of Women

One member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991;

(v) Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

One member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 July 1993;

(vi) World Food Council

One member to be nominated by the Economic and Social Council and elected by the General Assembly for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1991.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 25 (A/44/25, annex I).

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Corrigendum

1. Item 1, second paragraph, third line

   For 25 May 1989 read 26 May 1989.

2. Item 16. Elections

   After paragraph (b) (vi) add a new paragraph reading

   (c) Due to the withdrawal of Mexico as a nominee for election to the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination in favour of the candidature of Brazil, the Council is called upon to nominate one State for election to the Committee by the General Assembly.

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